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TOPIC Troops and Military Installations in Trencin

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REMARKS

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1. On 15 and 16 October 1953, numerous soldiers including an especially high percentage of officers were in Trencin (P 49/T 58). The officers wore golden epaulets, except some who had silver epaulets. They were chiefly seen between Sihot Borough and the barracks installation on Lenin Street which was referred to as the Masaryk Kaserne. Sihot Borough was a very modern suburb and included six-story buildings and villas in gardens.¹
2. Soldiers wearing dark-red epaulets were quartered in the Slovenskeho Narodneho povstania (Slovak National Uprising) barracks southeast of the railroad station. Other soldiers observed at the installation wore brown epaulets. The entire barracks area was about 600 x 80 meters and was surrounded by a wire fence.²
3. Civilians said that troops practiced at the Trencin citadel in mid-September 1953. On 15 and 16 October 1953, a concrete bunker, about 3 x 2.5 meters, with embrasures on all four sides, was in the citadel area at the wall of the citadel above the Slovenskeho Narodneho povstania Kaserne. The walls of this bunker were 35 to 40 centimeters thick at the level of the embrasures. construction equipment around the bunker and concluded that construction work had been done there until recently. Telephone wires led from the roof of the bunker to the main tower of the citadel and from there toward the wooden bridge over the Vah River. The main tower of the citadel mounted a radio antenna. Some soldiers constructed a line on the gallery around the main tower. Civilians said that the rooms on the second floor of the main tower were requisitioned for military purposes. Numerous remainders of demolition blocks including waste bakelite and a lot of torn yellow waxed cords were in the citadel area near the main tower.

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- 25X1A 1. Comment. Sihot Borough includes a large headquarters building which is believed to house the 2d MD Hq and, possibly, the army corps headquarters stationed at Banska Bystrica prior to the fall of 1951.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The soldiers wearing dark-red epaulets possibly belong to units of the Interior Guard. [REDACTED]

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